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TO : A. H. Belmont

DATE: October 8, 1954

FROM : W. A. Branigan

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY
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In a memorandum dated 10/7/54 from Assistant Attorney General Tompkins it is pointed out that in taking testimony from persons named by Elizabeth Bentley before Federal grand juries (seeking a person who will testify after being granted immunity), there has arisen certain discrepancies between Bentley's statement and statements made by several of the subjects under oath. Tompkins requests the Bureau to arrange for an appointment with Bentley for two Departmental attorneys in order to resolve these points. We do not know the nature of the discrepancies referred to, although we have been furnished by the Department the Grand Jury testimony of William H. Taylor, who appeared 9/20/54. Taylor's testimony is voluminous, covering 111 pages, and it has been carefully studied and analyzed in connection with our voluminous file on the Nathan Gregory Silvermaster case, with the following results to date:

In his testimony Taylor lists six points which he claims show certain of Bentley's testimony is inaccurate. (In November, 1953, Taylor instituted a libel suit against the "Washington Daily News" and it appears Taylor and his attorney have made a thorough study of Bentley's testimony, seeking possible points, no matter how small, with which to discredit her.) The points made by Taylor before the Grand Jury on their face seem to indicate small inaccuracies on Bentley's part, but, at the same time, Bentley has testified on many occasions before Congressional committees and on occasions has had to answer questions calling for answers not known first-hand to her. It is only normal that some of this information would be subject to question. Most of the points made are somewhat insignificant and do not discredit the over-all weight of her testimony. The points made by Taylor are as follows:

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Comment. Bentley so indicated in testimony before the Senate Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization on 5/13/49. It is noted, however, that Bentley has informed us that Silvermaster and Ullman had a source in the Air Force in the person of Abraham George Silverman. He could have been Ullman's source. It is true that Ullman did not enter the Armed Services until October, 1942.

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STATUTE (b)(e)

Comment: Bentley in her testimony on 7/31/48 before the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) did state she learned about D-Day in advance from Ullman who had learned the date through his connections with General Hildring's office. Bentley, in her statement to us dated 11/30/45, stated she had received information concerning the approximate scheduled date of D-Day.

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Comment: It is noted that Bentley in testimony before the HCUA in July, 1948, did testify as alleged by Taylor. She was, therefore, inaccurate in her statement at that time. She has told us that she met with the Perlo group in the Spring of 1944 at the instructions of Earl Browder and that she discussed with them the paying to her of Communist Party dues.

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Comment: Attorney General Brownell, in his speech of 11/17/53, in summarizing the contents of our summary on Harry Dexter White, sent to the White House on 2/4/46, speaking of the Perlo group stated: "The information gathered from the Perlo group was channeled through Jacob M. Golos and on to the Soviet diplomatic establishment in the same manner as outlined for the operation of the Silvermaster group." The data in our February, 1946, summary, which coincides with A.G. Brownell's statement, came from the signed statement of Bentley dated 11/30/45, wherein Bentley states that prior to Golos' death he told her that he had made contact with another group in Washington through Earl Browder. In the Spring of 1944 Browder told her of this group that Golos had been contacting and instructed her to establish contact with them, which Bentley then did.

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Comment: Bentley testified on 10/21/53 before the McCarthy Committee that she never met William Taylor. She told us that it was her recollection of Taylor that he was sent to China as a Treasury representative and was later sent to Portugal. She testified in a similar manner before the HCUA on 7/31/48. We previously have considered this seeming inconsistency on Bentley's part, but, as her information was hearsay on this point, she is unable to go back of it.

OBSERVATIONS:

The Bureau has a definite interest in Elizabeth Bentley. She has been interviewed on repeated occasions by Bureau agents. Interviews with her at this time to resolve these alleged discrepancies would be more productive and accurate if conducted by Bureau agents who have a background of the Silvermaster case and a familiarity with Elizabeth Bentley than would an interview by Departmental attorneys.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended we reply to the Department's request by pointing out to them that it would be more desirable for agents having knowledge of the Silvermaster case and Bentley to resolve these alleged discrepancies. If the Department will furnish the Bureau with a list of these discrepancies we will interview her and furnish the results to the Department. Thereafter, if the Department desires to further interview her or take her before a grand jury, we will have no objections.

I wholeheartedly agree. I don't like the trend for attys to inject themselves into our field.

J.

SAC, New Orleans (134-89)

November 9, 1954

Director, FBI (134-435)

ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY
SECURITY INFORMANT

On 9/20/54, William Henry Taylor appeared before a Federal Grand Jury sitting in Washington, D. C. During the course of his testimony he charged Bentley has stated in the past at least six things that were physically impossible.

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Taylor next takes issue with statements made by Bentley

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Bentley in her book "Out of Whirlage" says on page 240 that Ullman had been able to find out about C-day four days ahead of time. In her appearance before the House Committee on Un-American Activities on 7/3/48 and in her statement to the Bureau on 11/30/45 she indicates she learned of C-day in advance but is not as specific as she is in her book.

Taylor also takes issue with testimony furnished by Bentley

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Mr. Belmont

CC - MR. BELMONT
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Bentley on 7/31/48, before the House Committee on Un-American Activities, stated she delivered dues of the Perle group, in which Magdoff's dues were included, to Golos during his lifetime. She appears to be in error on this point.

However, on 8/9/48, before the House Committee on Un-American Activities, she testified that given to her by the Ferlo group she delivered to her Russian contact, "Bill." This also agrees with her statement of 11/30/45, furnished the Bureau.

Another point raised by Taylor is that the testimony

[REDACTED] In testimony before the McCarthy Committee, she says her efforts began in late 1963 or early 1964. She also states [REDACTED]

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Bentley on 10/21/53, before the McCarthy Committee, testified she was involved in securing samples of the allied military marks in late 1943 or early 1944. She also stated it was her understanding these marks came from the office of White through Ullman. As a matter of interest, in the hearings regarding the Occupation Currency Transactions held in June, 1947, there is information that as of February 1, 1944, White forwarded a Photostat of the Allied military mark to the Soviet Ambassador in Tokyo.

The last point raised by Taylor was Bentley's

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Bentley has testified on 10/21/53, before the McCarthy Committee, that she never met William Taylor. In her statement to the Bureau on 11/30/45, and before the House Committee on Un-American Activities on 7/31/48, she stated she believed Taylor was in the Treasury Department and that he had gone to China and Portugal.

Each of the points raised by Taylor can seemingly be explained by data available in Bureau files. However, to avoid any possible future embarrassment, each point raised should be discussed in detail with Elizabeth Bentley. She should not be told that Taylor in his appearance before the Grand Jury on 9/20/54, raised these points. It should be pointed out a review of her testimony and certain of her writings have pointed out certain variations in her story. She should be asked for her explanation for these variations on each point. Bentley should also be told that these points might be raised in an effort to discredit her, in the event she were to appear as a Government witness at any future hearings. Results of your interview should be promptly furnished to the Bureau.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (134-435)

DATE: December 8, 1954

FROM : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (134-89)

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY
SECURITY INFORMANT

Rebulet November 9, 1954.

Miss ELIZABETH BENTLEY was interviewed at Lafayette, Louisiana, on December 5, 1954, at which time the discrepancies pointed out by WILLIAM HENRY TAYLOR were discussed with her.

1. Second Paragraph, Referenced Letter. Miss BENTLEY advised that the information regarding a raid was received from ULLMAN but that there was no information as to the identity of the individual who was to be in charge of the raid. Miss BENTLEY advised that she recalled definitely that the raid was to be held on the Emperor's birthday and she stated that she has never referred to the raid as the Doolittle Raid, as the identity of the person to be in charge of the raid was not known at that time.

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Reurlet 12-8-54.

There still appears to be some confusion regarding the so-called Doolittle Raid on Tokyo (April, 1942) and the use of B-29's. For your information and assistance the Doolittle Raid in April, 1942, involved the use of sixteen B-25 bombers which took off from the U.S.S. "Hornet" (naval aircraft carrier) for the Tokyo raid. The B-25 is a twin engine medium bomber in use during World War II. Obviously the B-29, a multiengine heavy bomber, used during World War II and which was not operational in April, 1942, could not have been utilized. At a later period in World War II the B-29's were operated from land bases against the Japanese mainland.

It appears that Bentley in discussing the B-29 and indicating she received this information after the death of Jacob Golos in November, 1943, could not have meant the Doolittle Raid which took place in 1942. However, in her appearance before the McCarran Committee in May, 1949, Bentley did testify that data on the Doolittle Raid on Tokyo was available to her from William Ludwig Ullman. The information relative to the Doolittle Raid on Tokyo was interjected during Bentley's testimony concerning Ullman on 5-13-49. Bentley was testifying about data re the B-29 when the question "Did you have any information respecting the Doolittle Raid on Tokyo, which you transmitted as a courier?" was interjected. Bentley responded by stating she had received information about that raid a week or ten days in advance from Ullman who was a specialist in the B-29 program.

You should recontact Bentley and determine where she received this information about the Doolittle Raid. The issue of a B-29 raid should not enter into the discussion of the Doolittle Raid as this is an entirely separate matter and has no bearing or relationship on the use of the B-25 in April, 1942.

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TO : Director, FBI (134-435)

FROM : SAC, New Orleans (134-89)

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY
SECURITY INFORMANT

DATE: 1-25-55

Rebulet 12-15-54.

Miss BENTLEY was interviewed on 12-17-54 at Lafayette, La., at which time she advised that she never received any information regarding the so-called Doolittle Raid on Tokyo in April, 1942. In fact, she stated, she never heard of the Doolittle Raid until about 1949 when she was testifying before the McCarran Committee concerning the B-29 Program. Miss BENTLEY advised that if she testified before this committee that ULLMAN had furnished her information in advance regarding a raid on Tokyo wherein the B-29s were used and the raid was known as the Doolittle Raid, then this testimony is incorrect as she stated she never received any information regarding a Doolittle Raid prior to the time the raid was executed. Miss BENTLEY stated that the question, "Did you have any information respecting the Doolittle Raid on Tokyo which you transmitted as a courier?" came up during her testimony before the McCarran Committee; however, she stated she assumed that the question referred to the raid which was supposed to be conducted with B-29 Bombers in the early part of 1944.

Miss BENTLEY further related that all of her testimony before this McCarran Committee in connection with information she had received from ULLMAN was in connection with the B-29 Program.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (134-435)

FROM : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (134-89)

DATE: 2-18-55

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY
SECURITY INFORMANT

Re Paragraph B of SAC letter No. 55-13.

Miss BENTLEY was originally developed as a Security Informant by the New York Office. She has been living in the New Orleans territory since April, 1953, and is contacted frequently by the New Orleans Office at the request of other Bureau Divisions, particularly in Espionage cases. She has been carried as a Security Informant in the New Orleans Office since October 7, 1953.

New Orleans does not have complete information concerning Miss BENTLEY's former weaknesses while she was an informant at the New York Office, however, she is constantly beset by representatives of the press, investigators of other Government agencies, congressional committees, attorneys, etc. When contacted by one of the above, she immediately contacts the liaison agent for consultation and advice. To date the New Orleans Office has been able to maintain close liaison with her and has been able to keep informed of events as they occur.

As the Bureau pointed out in Paragraph N of SAC letter 54-28, Miss BENTLEY has been under considerable mental strain. It is the observation of agents in this office contacting her that she is emotionally taunt.

To overcome this difficulty and to safeguard against possible future complications, the resident agent, at Lafayette, Louisiana (in which territory Miss BENTLEY resides) maintains frequent contact with her and is in a position to consult with Miss BENTLEY whenever she feels she has a problem. In the past when the resident agent at Lafayette has been unavailable to consult with, Miss BENTLEY has communicated telephonically with agents known to her in the New Orleans Office.

The above tactics are being followed in an attempt to control Miss BENTLEY's apparent difficulty.

In view of her value to the Bureau in espionage cases, she will be retained as a Security Informant UACB.

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION. FEBRUARY 21, 1955

Transmit the following message to: SAC, NEW ORLEANS

ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY, SECURITY INFORMANT. QUOTE WASHINGTON EVENING STAR UNQUOTE OF FEBRUARY TWENTYONE, INSTANT, QUOTES HARVEY MATUSOW AS TESTIFYING BEFORE SENATE INTERNAL SECURITY SUBCOMMITTEE THAT QUOTE MISS ELIZABETH BENTLEY, I BELIEVE, GAVE FALSE TESTIMONY. UNQUOTE HE ALLEGEDLY LEARNED THIS IN CONVERSATION WITH BENTLEY. CONTACT BENTLEY AND SUTEL EXTENT AND NATURE OF ANY CONTACTS BETWEEN MATUSOW AND BENTLEY. DETAIL ANY CONVERSATION BENTLEY CAN RECALL WHICH COULD HAVE GIVEN RISE TO CLAIMS MADE BY MATUSOW THAT BENTLEY HAS LIED. DETERMINE IF BENTLEY WOULD BE WILLING TO TESTIFY AND DENY THESE ALLEGATIONS IF CALLED UPON TO DO SO.

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cc 100-375938 (Matusow)

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DIRECTOR, FBI URGENT

ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY, SECURITY INFORMANT. REBUTEL TO NO FEBRUARY TWENTYONE LAST AND PHONE CALL OF INSPECTOR VICTOR KEAY THIS DATE. BENTLEY DOES NOT RECALL ANY SPECIAL CONVERSATION WITH MATUSOW EXCEPT THAT DURING LUNCHEON WITH DR. RUTH MATTHEWS AND MATUSOW OCTOBER THREE FIFTY-TWO. SHE STATES SHE NEVER MENTIONED ANYTHING CONCERNING HER RELATIONS WITH BUREAU DURING THIS MEETING AND ANY ALLEGATIONS MATUSOW HAS MADE CONCERNING HER ARE ABSOLUTELY FALSE AND WITHOUT FOUNDATION. BENTLEY ADVISED SHE NEVER HAD A CONVERSATION WITH MATUSOW THAT WOULD GIVE RISE FOR HIS ALLEGATIONS THAT SHE HAD TESTIFIED FALSELY. SHE EMPHATICALLY STATED THAT SHE HAD NEVER TESTIFIED FALSELY AND HAS NEVER FURNISHED ANY FALSE INFORMATION TO THIS BUREAU TO HER KNOWLEDGE. THE ONLY REMARK SHE CAN RECALL MAKING IN PRESENCE OF MATUSOW AND DR. RUTH MATTHEWS IN OCTOBER FIFTY-TWO WAS THAT SHE WAS QUOTE LOOKING FOR A JOB UNQUOTE. SHE DOES NOT RECALL ANYONE ELSE TALKING WITH THREE THREE OF THEM DURING THIS LUNCHEON. BENTLEY KNEW ALBERT E. KAHN AS A COMMUNIST ENGAGED IN ESPIONAGE ACTIVITIES IN NY FROM JANUARY FORTY-ONE TO ABOUT APRIL FORTY-THREE. SHE DOES NOT KNOW CAMERON OR ANYTHING ABOUT HIS ACTIVITIES. BENTLEY WILLING TO APPEAR BEFORE COMMITTEE TO REFUTE ALLEGATIONS BY MATUSOW PROVIDED DATE OF APPEARANCE WOULD BE SUCH AS NOT TO JEOPARDIZE HER JOB AND LIVLIHOOD. EARLIEST DATE SHE CAN APPEAR WOULD BE MARCH TWENTY-ONE, TWENTY-TWO, TWENTY-THREE NEXT. SHE WILL ALSO HAVE

Mr. Belmont

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SOME FREE TIME DURING EASTER HOLIDAYS. BENTLEY HAS BEEN INTERVIEWED
BY INS REPRESENTATIVE AND DENIES ALLEGATIONS OF MATUSOW. SHE IS
EXPECTING TO BE INTERVIEWED BY REPORTERS FROM NBC TODAY AND STATES
SHE INTENDS TO DENY MATUSOW-S ALLEGATIONS.

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cc: MR. BELMONT
AND SUPERVISOR *Mr. Belmont*
DOM. INTEL. DIVISION

cc: Mr. [signature]

L. F. Boardman

Feb. 23, 1955

A. H. Belmont

HARVEY MATUSOW

SUBORNATION OF PERJURY; PERJURY;
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (Bufile 100-575036)

ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY ✓
SOURCE OF INFORMATION (Bufile 134-435)

According to newspaper accounts, in testimony given before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee on 1/21 and 2/22/55, Matusow claims he believes Bentley has given false testimony. He claims he learned this during a dinner with her in a New York City restaurant in 1952. She allegedly told him she was broke, had to testify to live and needed to find additional information. Pursuant to a request from the Bureau, the New Orleans office by teletype 2/22/55 advised that Bentley, Dr. Ruth Matthews and Matusow met at a luncheon on 10/3/52. She categorically denies the accusation made by Matusow and claims she has never given false testimony nor furnished false information to the FBI. She said she had no discussion with Matusow on the giving of false testimony, but recalls telling him that she needed a job.

Instructions were issued telephonically to the AI office by Inspector Egan on 2/23/55 to locate and interview Dr. Ruth Matthews for information concerning any conversation she recalls during the luncheon with Matusow and Bentley on 10/3/52. Newspaper accounts also indicate that at the dinner Matusow speaks of he claims a former roommate of his, Llewellyn Watts, was present and may have heard some of the conversation. The AI office has been instructed to locate and interview Watts for information concerning the Bentley matter and also for other information concerning Matusow. The New Orleans office was telephonically instructed by Inspector Egan to develop from Bentley further details on this entire matter, including any and all meetings with Matusow. Both offices were also instructed to give this matter immediate attention and to see that all leads are thoroughly and promptly covered.

Attachment

CC: 1 - Bufile 100-44021 (Kohn)
1 - Mr. Boardman
1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. Brannigan
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1 - Mr. Lamphere

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This attack on Bentley as a witness could very well be part of a carefully planned attack on the Government's security program and in Bentley there is an attempt to smear a witness who has been vouched for by the FBI. It is to be recalled that the Director, in his appearance before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee on 11/17/53, stated "All information furnished by Miss Bentley, which was susceptible to check, has proven to be correct."

It is also noted that Bentley previously has identified Albert E. Kahn, a member of the firm Cameron and Kahn, which is publishing Matusow's book, as a Communist who was a contact of Jacob Golos, Bentley's espionage superior. She informed us that Kahn furnished information to both Golos and herself during 1942. This date was included in the signed statement of Elizabeth Bentley dated 11/30/45 and was furnished to the Department in the report of SA Thomas G. Spencer, dated 12/5/45 at New York, in the case entitled "Eathan Gregory Silvermaster, was., et al, Espionage - R." This report was sent to Assistant Attorney General Caudle by memo dated 12/31/45.

ACTION: 1) Theresa attached a memorandum to the Attorney General, with copies to Mr. Rogers and Mr. Tompkins, outlining Bentley's denial of these charges made by Matusow.

2) We are closely following all aspects of this matter and have instructed the New York and New Orleans offices to promptly and thoroughly cover all leads and to keep the Bureau informed of every development.

OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Date February 24, 1955 Time 7:14 PM

Miss Elizabeth Bentley tele thru
operator
in Louisiana.

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REMARKS

When advised of the Director's absence from the office, Miss Bentley consented to speak with an assistant. After checking, she was referred to Mr. McGuire in Mr. Nichols' office.

7:26 PM Mr. McGuire advised that Miss Bentley stated she has been accused by Matusow of having dinner with him on October 3, 1952, and that she could not recall where she was on that date and wondered if the Bureau could assist her in this matter.

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Miss Bentley was assured that her request would be brought to the Director's attention.

Mr. Boardman has been advised of the call and has instructed Inspector Hennrich in Mr. Belmont's office to call the SAC at New Orleans and have him interview Miss Bentley for more specific information regarding this matter.

Mr. McGuire is preparing a memorandum.

We must be careful as we may be charged as coaching her if the

1. Members: Mr. Boardman, Mr. Belmont,
Mr. Canigan, Mr. Gough,
Mr. Humphreys
February 24, 1955

The Attorney General (orig. & 1)

Director, FBI

HARVEY MATULOS
SUBORNATION OF PERJURY; PERJURY;
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (FBI file 100-975008)

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DATE 2-25-77 98/101

ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY
SOURCE OF INFORMATION (FBI file 134-435)

According to newspaper accounts, Harvey A. Matusew, in appearances before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee on February 21 and 22, 1955, made allegations that he believed Elizabeth Bentley had given false testimony. He claimed he had dinner with her in a restaurant in 1952, in New York City, when she told him she was broke, had to testify to live and had to find additional information.

Elizabeth Bentley was interviewed on February 22, 1955, at which time she categorically denied the allegations made by Matusew. She said she met Matusew at a luncheon and that a Dr. Ruth Matthews also was present. Bentley claimed the only remark she can recall making at the luncheon was that she was looking for a job. Bentley emphasized that she had never testified falsely nor furnished any false information to the FBI.

Bentley pointed out that Albert E. Kahn, who is a member of the firm Cameron and Kahn which is publishing Matusew's book, was known to her as a Communist and was engaged in espionage activities in New York City during the early 1940's. Details concerning the foregoing are contained in the report of Special Agent Thomas G. Spenser, dated December 3, 1945, New York, in the case entitled "Nathan Gregory Silvermaster, with aliases, et al, Espionage - R." This report sets out the signed statement of Bentley, dated November 30, 1945, and a copy of the foregoing report was made available to the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice by memorandum dated December 31, 1946.

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We are presently endeavoring to develop additional information on this matter and, specifically, we are attempting to locate and interview persons who may have been present during contacts between Bentley and Matson who would be able to give an independent account of what took place. The pertinent results of this further investigation will be made available to you.

CC: 1 - Mr. William F. Rogers
Deputy Attorney General

1 - Assistant Attorney General
William F. Tompkins

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : L. V. Boardman

DATE: Feb. 25, 1955

FROM : A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY
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Former SA Joseph M. Kelly telephonically contacted Supervisor R.J. Lamphere on the evening of 2/24/55. He stated he had just received a long-distance telephone call from Elizabeth Bentley who said she had been trying to reach the Director. She indicated she wanted to talk to someone at the Bureau who had knowledge of her current difficulties as a result of the allegations made by Harvey Matusow to the effect that she had given false testimony. Kelly explained to her that he was no longer with the Bureau and suggested she might desire to speak to me or to Supervisor Lamphere.

Elizabeth Bentley telephonically contacted Supervisor Lamphere at his residence at 8:20 p.m. on 2/24/55. Bentley indicated she had previously attempted to reach the Director and had spoken to Inspector McGuire. She said her purpose in calling Supervisor Lamphere was her desire to talk to someone who was familiar with her current troubles. She indicated she was considerably upset by Matusow's allegations and it appeared she probably had been drinking. Bentley said she is worried because she does not have a clear recollection of when she first met Matusow and does not recall meeting him on 10/3/52 at a dinner as he alleges. She does recall meeting him at a luncheon which was also attended by Dr. Ruth E. Matthews in 1952, but she does not recall the date of this luncheon. She said Dr. Ruth Matthews had telephonically contacted her on 2/24/55 after having been interviewed by our agents in New York City. Ruth Matthews told her the date of the luncheon was 12/4/52. Bentley said she, herself, has no records which would show when she met Matusow or under what circumstances. She is worried inasmuch as the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee has informed her she is to be subpoenaed in the near future. She wanted to know if the FBI in New York City would have any records

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CC: 100-375988 (Matusow)

Mr. Boardman

Mr. Belmont

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which would indicate her whereabouts on 10/3/52, such as contact with her by an agent on that date.

Bentley was informed we are checking on various aspects of this matter and we are, of course, interested in any efforts made to discredit her or any other Government witness. She was told we would be in contact with her on various phases of this matter and she should attempt to recall in detail all contacts she may have had with Matusow and the names of persons who might have knowledge of conversations she had with Matusow.

ACTION:

The foregoing is for your information and we are checking out various leads in New York City in connection with this matter.

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Tickers: Board, Belmont, Branigan
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The Attorney General (orig. & 1) February 28, 1955

Director, FBI

HARVEY MATUSOW
SUBORNATION OF PERJURY; PERJURY;
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (FBI file 100-375588)

ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY
SOURCE OF INFORMATION (FBI file 134-435) ✓

Reference is made to my memorandum of February 24, 1955, in the above-captioned

Mr. Ruth E. Matthews, 50 Riverside Drive, New York City, has been interviewed and she recalls that on December 4, 1954, she attended a luncheon with Elizabeth Bentley and Harvey Matusow at the Hotel Abbey in New York City. She stated that at no time during this luncheon did Bentley state, imply or indicate that any of the testimony she had furnished to the Government was false.

Mr. Matthews furnished the following as a summary of remarks made by Bentley at the luncheon: Mr. Matthews met both Miss Bentley and Matusow in the hotel lobby. During the luncheon, Bentley was somewhat upset and unhappy since she did not have a job and was unsuccessful in obtaining one at that time. Bentley mentioned that every time she went after a worth-while job, she would be called on to testify and, as a result, her prospective employer would lose interest in her. Bentley did not indicate she was not going to continue to cooperate with the FBI and the Government. She did not indicate she felt it was the responsibility of the Government to obtain a position for her. Bentley praised the FBI as an organization which developed facts. Bentley was, however, very upset and appeared to cry on one occasion, indicating her name being in the headlines continuously was getting her down. Bentley did mention she was a little upset at Roy Cohn since the latter had not followed through in rendering full assistance

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in straightening out Bentley's 1951 income tax return which had been improperly prepared by some tax accountant. She indicated Cohn was easy to contact when he was looking for her to be interviewed relative to testifying, but when she wanted to reach him on a personal matter she met with difficulty. Bentley also mentioned at the luncheon that she was appreciative of the work given to her by Alfred Kohlberg for whom she was doing some research work. She indicated she was financially strapped, stating she needed to secure regular employment to meet her financial obligations.

Elizabeth Bentley advised on February 24, 1955, that she is very concerned over the allegations made by Katusow. She said she had received a telephone call from Mr. Ruth Matthews on February 24, 1955, who informed her the date of the luncheon was December 4, 1952. Bentley said she is worried because she does not have a clear recollection of when she first met Katusow and does not recall meeting him on October 3, 1952, at a dinner as he alleges. She does recall the luncheon but does not know of her own recollection the exact date of this luncheon. She stated she is worried concerning the date as the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee has informed her she is to be subpoenaed in the near future. She said during the latter part of 1952 she was frequently in New York City and she suggested it might be possible to determine if she was in New York City on October 3 or December 4, 1952.

We are checking in New York City on various aspects of this matter, including Bentley's whereabouts on the two dates in question. Our New York office is furnishing the above information to United States Attorney Edward Lumbard for his information.

CC: 1 - Mr. William F. Rogers
Deputy Attorney General

1 - Assistant Attorney General
William F. Tompkins

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cc - Mr. Gough
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HARVEY MATUSOW, SUBORNATION OF PERJURY; PERJURY; OBSTRUCTION
OF JUSTICE (Bufile 100-375988). ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY,
SOURCE OF INFORMATION (Bufile 134-435). RE NO TEL 2/24/55.
NY SHOULD INTERVIEW J. B. MATTHEWS AND WIFE CONCERNING PERSONS
WHO ATTENDED BUFFET DINNERS AT WHICH BENTLEY AND MATUSOW
BOTH MAY HAVE BEEN PRESENT. IN INSTANCES WHERE THE MATTHEWS
BELIEVE SUCH PERSONS MIGHT HAVE PERTINENT INFORMATION AND THERE
APPEARS TO BE NO REASON NOT TO INTERVIEW THESE PERSONS, THEY SHOULD
BE CONTACTED FOR INFORMATION ON ANY CONVERSATIONS THEY OBSERVED
OR HEARD BETWEEN MATUSOW AND BENTLEY. WHERE PERSONS ARE NOT
NOW IN NYC, LEADS FOR INTERVIEWS SHOULD BE SET OUT. NY SHOULD
EXPEDITE LOCATION AND INTERVIEW OF LLEWELLYN WATTS, MATUSOW'S
FORMER ROOMMATE, WHO ALLEGEDLY WAS PRESENT AT DINNER ON
10/3/52, WHEN BENTLEY AND MATUSOW MET. NY REVIEW FILES ON
BENTLEY, REMINGTON, SILVERMASTER AND RELATED FILES TO DETERMINE
IF BENTLEY IN NYC ON 10/3 OR 12/4/52. NY NOTE BENTLEY WAS
BEING PAID \$50 PER WEEK AS INFORMANT DURING FALL OF 1952 AND
YOUR RECORDS MAY REFLECT CONTACTS WITH HER. NO SHOULD

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MAINTAIN CLOSE CONTACT WITH BENTLEY AND DETERMINE FROM HER IF SHE WOULD HAVE OLD COPIES OF TELEPHONE BILLS, CANCELLED CHECKS OR SIMILAR RECORDS WHICH WOULD SHOW HER WHEREABOUTS ON DATES IN QUESTION. DURING ANY CONTACTS WITH BENTLEY BY NO OR NY AGENTS, EITHER IN PERSON OR TELEPHONICALLY, CARE MUST BE EXERCISED TO AVOID ANY SUBSEQUENT CHARGES WHICH MIGHT BE MADE THAT WE COACHED HER IN GIVING HER INFORMATION. BOTH OFFICES SUBMIT CAREFULLY PREPARED REPORTS IN THIS MATTER BY MARCH 10/55. NO SHOULD INSURE COPIES OF ALL COMMUNICATIONS IN THIS MATTER ARE DESIGNATED FOR NY OFFICE, WHICH IS OFFICE OF ORIGIN.

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Elizabeth Bentley
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HARVEY MATUSOW, SUBORNATION OF JURY; PERJURY; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE. RE NY TEL FEBRUARY TWENTYFIVE LAST WHICH SETS OUT RECORDS PRINCE GEORGE HOTEL REFLECT BENTLEY REGISTERED THERE ON BOTH OCTOBER THREE AND DECEMBER FOUR, NINETEEN FIFTYTWO. FOR INFORMATION NK MATUSOW ALLEGES AT DINNER ON OCTOBER THREE, FIFTYTWO, BENTLEY INTIMATED TO HIM SHE HAD TESTIFIED FALSELY. BENTLEY DENIES ALLEGATION, DOES NOT RECALL THE DINNER, DOES RECALL LUNCHEON WITH MATUSOW AT WHICH DR. RUTH E. MATTHEWS PRESENT. DR. MATTHEWS RECALLS LUNCHEON WITH BENTLEY AND MATUSOW ON DECEMBER FOUR, FIFTYTWO. STATES BENTLEY DID NOT INTIMATE SHE HAD TESTIFIED FALSELY. NK TEL FEBRUARY TWENTYTWO LAST REFLECTS JAMES SHEAN, GREAT NOTCH, NEW JERSEY, ADVISED MATUSOW WAS IN NYC OCTOBER THREE FIFTYTWO AS MATUSOW ON THAT DAY ATTEMPTED TO DATE SHEAN'S WIFE. SHEAN AND WIFE SAW MATUSOW OFF ON PLANE FOLLOWING MORNING. NK INTERVIEW MR. AND MRS. SHEAN IN DETAIL FOR DATA CONCERNING DETAILS OF MATUSOW'S CONTACT WITH MRS. SHEAN ON OCTOBER THREE FIFTYTWO. NY EXPEDITE LOCATION AND INTERVIEW LLEWELLYN WATIS, FORMER ROOMMATE OF MATUSOW, WHO ALLEGEDLY ATTENDED DINNER OCTOBER THREE FIFTYTWO. ENDEAVOR TO ESTABLISH NAME OF RESTAURANT AND THOSE

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Elizabeth Bentley

Harvey Matsusof alleges that at dinner on 10/3/52 Bentley intimated she had testified falsely. Bentley has denied this allegation, does not recall the dinner, does recall a luncheon at which Dr. Ruth S. Matthews was present. Dr. Matthews recalls luncheon with Bentley and Matsusof on 12/4/52, states Bentley did not say or intimate that she had testified falsely. He have been attempting to establish if Bentley was in NYC on both 10/3/52 and 12/4/52. NY teletype 3/25/55 shows records of Prince George Hotel reflect Bentley was registered there on both 10/3 and 12/4/52. NY is also trying to locate former roommate of Matsusof, Llewellyn Fatts, whom Matsusof alleges was at restaurant where dinner 10/3/52 was held. Newark teletype of 2/22/55 reflects James Shean of Great Notch, N.J., advised Matsusof was in NYC on 10/3/52 as Matsusof on that day attempted to date Shean's wife. Shean and wife saw Matsusof off on a plane the following morning.

ACTION: In line with the above, a teletype is attached to Newark and New York, instructing that James Shean and his wife be interviewed for details on Matsusof's contact with Mrs. Shean on 10/3/52. NY is instructed to expedite efforts to locate Llewellyn Fatts and location of restaurant where Matsusof alleges dinner held.

Attachment

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CC: 134-405 (Bentley) ✓

Mr. Boardman

Mr. Belmont

Mr. Brannigan

Mr. Cough

Mr. Lamphere

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

FROM : Mr. C. E. Hennrich

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH BENTLEY

DATE: February 24, 1955

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Boardman ✓
Nichols ✓
Belmont ✓
Harbo ✓
Mohr ✓
Parsons ✓
Rosen ✓
Tamm ✓
Trotter ✓
Wainwright ✓
Tele. Room ✓
Holloman ✓
Gandy ✓

I called SAC Chiles in New Orleans at 8:10 PM, today. I advised him of Bentley's call to the Bureau. Chiles said that Bentley had been in touch with the New Orleans Office and that a teletype has been prepared for the Bureau concerning this contact. She told the New Orleans Office that she was worried about the October 3, 1952, date when she was alleged to have had dinner with Matusow. I told Chiles to have the Agent who regularly contacts Bentley contact her again and advise her that she was being contacted on instructions from the Bureau to find out whether she has any additional problems and to assure her that her inquiries have been forwarded to Washington. I told Chiles that he should quiet Bentley down but that he should not promise her that we will determine where she was on October 3, 1952.

I called Supervisor Tom Spencer in New York, who has handled interviews with Bentley in the past, and instructed that the New York files be checked to see whether they reflect where Bentley was on October 3, 1952. I also instructed that the files be checked to determine whether they reflect where Bentley was around December 4, 1952, which is the date indicated by a third party present as a date when Bentley and Matusow had a luncheon with her. Spencer stated that the New York Office was already checking into this and that the Bureau will be promptly advised. Spencer also advised that upon arriving at his residence, he had found a call from Bentley to him and that he had returned the call but it had not been completed. I told him that he should make no promises to Bentley but that he should calm her down and find out just what her problems are and that he should thereupon advise the Bureau by teletype.

ACTION:

RECORDED - 134-435-133

We will follow this matter with New York in order to resolve the question of the date when Bentley was in New York and could have had dinner with Matusow, if possible.

cc - Mr. Boardman cc - Mr. Holloman
cc - Mr. Nichols cc - Mr. Hennrich
cc - Mr. Belmont

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Mem. to Boardman 2-28-55
Tel. to NY & NY 2-28-55

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